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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to bring most backward regions of certain States under the category of `Special Category States` so as to make them eligible for fiscal concessions and other exemptions and also for industrialisation of these regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to bring most backward regions of certain States under the category of `Special Category States`.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Special Category Status has been accorded only to certain States by the National Development Council based on a set of specific physical and economic criteria.